[MR. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is there any male doctor in charge of the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do Government contemplate keeping this male doctor in the Victoria Hospital until another female doctor is available ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, till another lady doctor is available.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Did not one Miss Jacob, an M. B. & B. S., put in an application when there was a vacancy ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Increase in the Excise Revenue.

79. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how much of the increase of Rs. 20 lakhs in the Excise revenue claimed to have been brought about by the present Excise Commissioner since he took charge of the department has been derived from (1) the enhancement of salt duty ; (2) the enhancement of duty on liquor or tree-tax ; (3) the enhancement of the duty on opium and ganja ; (4) the enhancement of the duty on other articles ; and (5) improvement of trade conditions ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement furnishing the information required by the member is given below : —

Items of Revenue.	*Increased amounts derived.*		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.
(1) Salt duty ...	5,73,169	23	14
(2) Tree-tax ...	1,81,516	3	5
Duty on arrack ...	2,47,125	13	3
(3) Opium and Ganja ...	*Nil.*	...	...
(4) Other articles ...	7,29,703	0	0

(5) The increase in revenue on account of improvement in trade conditions is not ascertainable.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the duty on Coimbatore and Tinnevelly tobacco was raised from Rs. 90 to Rs. 100 and on Jaffna tobacco from Rs. 100 to Rs. 110 after Mr. Van Ross took charge ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What is the increased amount derived by the enhancement of the duty on tobacco ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The total enhancement is given there.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I want the increased amount from the rise of duty on tobacco also.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Vechur Primary School.

80. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): With reference to the answer to question No. 86 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th August, 1923, will the Government be pleased to say:

(*a*) the names of the three primary schools in the Vechur *pakuthi* which are open to all classes of people; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Pulayas are allowed to use the road which is nearer the temple than the school from which they are excluded?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 1. Vechur Mar Michael's Aided Primary School.
2. Vaikam St. Louis Do.
3. Kallara C. M. S. Do.

(*b*) Pulayas walk along the road referred to.

Travelling Allowance, etc., to non-official Legislative Council Members.

81. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to say what the expenditure was on account of travelling allowance, etc., to the non-official members of the Legislative Council during 1098?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The amount of travelling allowance, etc., drawn by the non-official members of the Legislative Council during 1098 is Rs. 11,880-4-9. This amount is inclusive of the travelling and other allowances to non-official members that sat on the various committees of the Legislative Council.

Jenmi and Kudiyan Bill.

82. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether the Jenmi and Kudiyan Bill is ready for introduction in the Legislative Council?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Bill is still under the consideration of Government.

Miss Martin, Deputy Surgeon.

83. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state on what principle they fix the rank of an officer in the *Civil List*?

(*b*) Is it a fact that the Darbar Physician has recommended that Miss Martin who is a supernumerary Deputy Surgeon be placed last in the grade of Deputy Surgeons when she is absorbed in that grade?

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